regional imbalances and to provide adequate capacity in remote and inaccessible areas.

Task force for examining recommendations of National Commission on Urbanisation

1259. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any task force has been constituted to examine the various urban Sector programmes in pursurance to the recommendations of the National Commission on Urbanisation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the terms of reference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A copy of the order constituting the task force and its terms of reference etc. is annexed as a statement.

Statement

P.S.A. SUNDARAMNo.1/5(40)/80-NCU
Joint Secretary
New Delhi, dated 4th January, 1989

ORDER

As stated by National Commission on Urbanisation, the most demanding of the urban challenges is the challenges posed by poverty. A number of programmes (*Viz.*, URS, UCD, IDSMT, Sites & Services, Slum Improvement, ICDS etc.) have been initiated in the recent past for the alleviation of urban poverty by creating employment opportunities and providing the urban poor with the basic health and civic facilities. There is a need to examine the current urban sector programmes with a view to seek the convergence of various activities and ensure that the objectives of these poverty alleviation programmes are achieved effecitively in terms of benefits to the target group and optimum utilisation of funds.

2. In the context of the above, Government is pleased to direct that a Task Force may be constituted with the following persons:—

1. Mr. P.K. Uma Shankar, Director, IIPA — Chairman
2. Mr. E.F.N. Ribeiro, Ex-Chief Planner, TCPO — Member
3. Mr. H.K. Yadav, Chief (Special Projects), HUDCO — Member
4. Ms. R. Jhabvala, SEWA — Member
5. Ms. Protima Panwalkar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences — Member
6. Mr. Dev Chopra, Zone Representative Hyderabad — Member
7. Mr. M.S. Moitra, Former, D.G., CMDA, Calcutta — Member
8. Mr. G. Dattatri, Project Management Group Madras UDP — Member
9. Mr. Manjit Singh, DDA Slum Wing Delhi. — Member
10. Mr. D.G. Rama Rao, RCUES, Osmania University Hyderabad — Member
11. Mr. K.C. Misra, Director (UD) Government of Orissa — Member
12. Mr. C.S. Rao, DS (UD) Ministry of Urban Development, New Delhi. — Member-Secretary

3. *Terms of Reference*

(a) Examine the current urban sector programmes (i.e., EIUS, IDSMT, UES/DCD) with a view to determine whether these programmes do reach the low income settlements (low-income households) and disadvanged target groups.

(b) Locate strengths and weeknesses of these programmes with specific reference to their capacity to reach out and involve the target groups. Also assess to what extent these programmes and other programmes in health, education, nutrition, employment and other local sectors reach the target groups in a convergent and low cost manner.

(c) Having studied the above, formulate a strategy to bring about a focus in the existing programmes so that they may reach the target groups more effectively while achieving the proposed objectives of these programmes.

(d) Suggest organisational and institutional adjustments to make the proposed strategy operational. Also examine how horizontal and vertical linkages between sectors and institutions could be further strengthened and focussed.

(e) Assess the training and communication requirement to support the suggested strategy.

4. The Task Force shall be empowered to constitute such sub-groups/sub-committees as it may deem necessary, consisting of officials and/or non-officials, to examine one or more of the issues germane to its aforesaid terms of reference. The Task Force may co-opt one or more experts (official or non-officials) as its member (s), should it find the same necessary for the satisfactory completion of the tasks entrusted to it.

5. The Task Force shall submit its findings & recommendations by 31st March, 1989.

(P.S.A. SUNDARAM)
JOINT SECRETARY

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1260. [*Transferred to the 13th March*, 1989.]

Distribution of Surplus Land

1261. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the surplus land allotted to the landless, state-wise during the year 1988-89 till date;

(b) the estimated land still lying for distribution;

(c) by when it is likely to be distributed; and

(d) whether Government proposes to have a second look at the ceiling laws in the country?